

CHARTER FOR THE COMPONENTY OPERATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP (OAG)

1. **Purpose.** The Componenty OAG is chartered as a forum for establishing community priorities and providing direct interaction between the operating forces, Command Element Advocate, HQMC and other working level organizations. This charter formally establishes the OAG for Componenty in accordance with the Commandant Policy Memorandum 1-99 and the Command Element Advocacy Board (CEAB) Charter.

2. **Mission.** The Componenty OAG will serve as a vehicle for identifying and prioritizing issues that impact Marine Corps Component Commanders and their ability to support regional Commander in Chiefs (CINCs). The Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command was designated as the lead agent for the establishment and conduct of the Componenty OAG.

3. **Intent.** The Componenty OAG serves as a vehicle for identifying and prioritizing issues that directly affect operational capabilities and employment, standardization, training, readiness, structure, personnel, equipment, facilities, and safety. The Componenty OAG will allow for open discussion of issues affecting Marine Corps Component Commanders and their ability to provide Service capabilities. The Componenty OAG will be the forum for providing a long-term plan for Componenty to the CEAB.

5. **Concept.** The initial focus of effort will be to address the Component Headquarters (CHQs) organization, personnel, roles, responsibilities, training and resources. Issues from the Componenty OAG will be forwarded to the CEAB for consideration. Once approved by the CEAB the issue will be further developed through the Concept Based Requirements System (CBRS), Planning Programming and Budgeting System (PPBS) or engagement in other HQMC, Department of the Navy, or Joint processes.

6. **Organization.** The Componenty OAG is divided into three separate entities: the Executive Steering Committee (ESC), the Technical Consultation Group (TCG), and Working Groups (WG).

a. The Executive Steering Committee. The Director, Training and Education Command will sponsor the ESC. The ESC will be chaired by the Director, MAGTF Staff Training Program (MSTP) and members will include O-6 level representatives from MARFORPAC, MARFORLANT, MARFORRES, MARFORCENT, MARFOREUR, MARFORSOUTH, MARFORKOREA, I MEF, II MEF, and III MEF. Each of these members has one vote. Additional non-voting advisory members may be included from HQMC and MCCDC. It will oversee the taskings and composition of the WG and TCG, as appropriate.

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This body will review and approve the issues submitted from the WG. The ESC will involve the TCG, as appropriate, in consultations as a part of the review of WG submissions. The ESC will submit priority issues to the CEAB for concurrence and action.

b. The Technical Consultation Group. The TCG is comprised of experts in specific fields that affect Command Element issues. Standing members of the TCG include Program Managers, Requirements Officers, and MCCDC. The Chairman of the TCG will be assigned by the ESC, as necessary. Additional representation will be based on specific requirements.

c. Working Group. The WG will focus its attention on specific issues pertaining to personnel, equipment, facilities, training, readiness, safety, and standardization. It ideally will consist of action officer level (O-4/5) personnel from each of the functional areas and appropriate OAG attendees from the supporting establishment. The WG will draft and staff OAG action items and then present them to the ESC with recommended solutions. The WG may also seek advice and input from appropriate members of the TCG. Action items will be presented in Topic, Discussion, and Recommendation format with a recommended priority for ESC consideration. Additional WGs may be established at the direction of the ESC to accomplish specific tasks. The WG will develop a priority list for consideration by the ESC in each of the following areas:

- (1) CAT A - Personnel. Includes tables of organization (T/O), staffing, manning, training and readiness.
- (2) CAT B - Equipment. Includes all tactical equipment /facilities, maintainability/reliability, standardization, safety, and readiness issues.
- (3) CAT C - Warfighting Upgrades. Includes all tactical equipment/facilities and training upgrades required by changing needs, safety and jointly mandated requirements.

A relative priority will be assigned to each item above as follows:

- (a) Critical. Needed to preclude severe risk caused by loss of operational capability and/or safety considerations.

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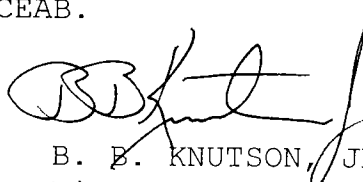
(b) Important. Needed to preclude moderate risk caused by the loss of operational capability.

(c) Routine. Reflects the growth in existing capability which, if not accomplished, would induce minimal risk to current and future operational capability.

7. Procedures. The Componenty OAG is an Operating Force forum. Each MARFOR and MEF will have one vote in the ESC. Differences will be resolved with a simple vote. If no majority is achieved then the issue will be referred to the next higher level for further review. Members of the Supporting Establishment and TCG who are participating in the WG are non-voting advisors to the WG chairman. The CE Support Group and its subordinate WG will assist the OAGs in interacting with HQMC and the supporting establishment.

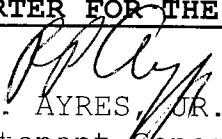
8. Action. The Componenty OAG will meet semi-annually, or as required, to provide timely input for the CEAB and for consideration in the program objective memorandum/program review process. The host will provide necessary conference logistical and administrative support. The hosting organization will announce OAG meetings via naval message and identify an action officer to coordinate the meeting. It will also coordinate all pre-conference and post-conference activities and to facilitate the conduct of the conference. Electronic copies of all proposed action items and briefs will be forwarded to the Componenty OAG action officer not later than 15 working days prior to the first day of the meeting for inclusion into the CE Secretariat for administrative processing and, where required, inclusion into the CEAB agenda.

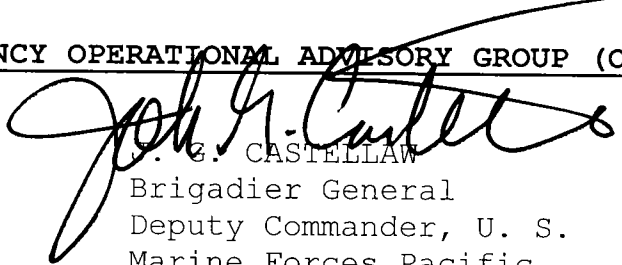
9. Changes to this Charter can be proposed by the ESC and are subject to approval by the CEAB.

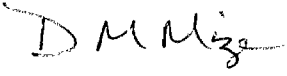



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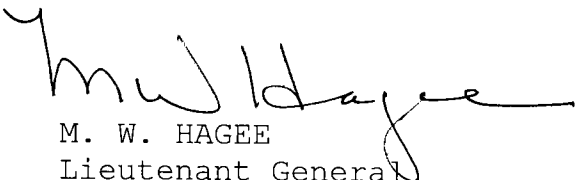

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